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CROFT RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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F. W. Gavin, M. D., M. B., Ch.B., D. P. H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the  
Croft Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the  
year ended 31st December 1956.

The population as estimated by the Registrar General  
is 2,330 compared with 2400 at mid-year 1955; the births num-  
bered 51 as compared with 52 in 1955 and the rate at 21.88 was  
higher than that for England and Wales at 15.7.

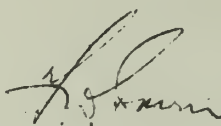
Deaths numbered 26 as against 21 in 1955 and the rate  
at 11.15 is practically the same as the National figure at 11.7.

There were two infantile deaths giving a rate of 39.21  
compared with 23.8 for England and Wales.

Once again there were no maternal deaths during the  
year; the chief cause of death was ascribed to vascular lesions of the  
nervous system (9 deaths) and heart disease (5 deaths), there were two  
deaths from cancer and three deaths from pneumonia, and one from bronch-  
itis.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis was commenced in May  
and June confined to small selected groups as determined by the Medical  
Research Council and further vaccinations were undertaken in November,  
owing to scarcity of material it was limited to certain age groups.

The area was relatively free from infectious diseases  
during the year under review apart from small outbreaks of whooping  
cough (19 cases) in the months of February and May; and there were 9  
cases of measles including 1 adult, which occurred chiefly in the parish  
of Dalton on Tees.



Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health. F. W. Gavin, M.D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector. J.D. Collins, M.P.H.I.A., C.R.S.I.,  
(Part-time.) (Qualified Meat Inspector)

Additional Public Health Inspector. (part-time) D. G. Warde, M.P.H.I.A., C.R.S.I.  
(Qualified Meat Inspector)

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of the District in acres.	...	19,731
Resident Population	...	2,330
Number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1955		656
Rateable Value at 1st April 1956	...	£13,761.
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	£57. 6. 9.
Rate in £ levied at 1st April 1956	...	7/6 (half year)

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS. The number of live births registered in 1956 was 51 as against 37 in 1955. The birth rates comparisons shows that the rate for the District is higher than that for England and Wales.

The number of still-births registered in the District for the year was one as in 1955.

Birth Rate Comparisons. ... Live births per 1,000 pop.  
Still-births per 1,000 total live  
and still-births, as adjusted by  
comparability Factor.

	<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Still-births.</u>
Croft Rural District 1956	19.70	19.60
Croft Rural District 1955	13.88	24.32
England and Wales 1956	15.07	23.00

	<u>Live Births</u>				<u>Still-births</u>			
	1956		1955		1956		1955	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Legitimate ...	29	20	18	18	.	1	.	1
Illegitimate ...	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.
Totals ...	29	22	18	19	.	1	.	1

DEATHS. Maternal Mortality. There was no case of a woman dying in, or in consequence of childbirth in the District in 1956, as in 1955.

Infantile Mortality. The number of infants (under one year) who died in 1956 in the District was two, as against one in 1955.

Infantile Mortality Comparisons. per 1,000 live births.

Croft Rural District 1956	39.21
Croft Rural District 1955	27.00
England and Wales 1955	23.80

<u>Analysis of Infantile Deaths.</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>
	Spina Bifida	F	1 wk
	Broncho Pneumonia	M	1 mth
	Prematurity		

DEATHS, continued.

Deaths from all causes. During 1956 there were 26 deaths from all causes registered in the District, as against 21 in 1955, a higher death rate than that for England and Wales.

Death Rates Comparisons. per 1,000 population.

Croft Rural District 1956	15.27
Croft Rural District 1955	11.02
England and Wales 1956	11.70

Deaths from All Causes and Sexes and Comparisons with previous year.

	1956		1955	
	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory	.	.	.	.
Tuberculosis, others	.	.	.	.
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	.	.	.	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	2	.	.
Leukemia	.	.	.	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6	1	3
Hypertension with heart disease	.	1	.	.
Other heart diseases	3	1	2	5
Other circulatory diseases	.	1	1	1
Pneumonia	3	.	.	.
Bronchitis	1	.	.	.
Gastroenteritis and Diarrhoea	.	.	1	.
Congenital malformations	.	1	.	.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	.	3	.	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	.	1	.
All other accidents	.	.	1	.
Totals	12	14	9	12

Number of deaths from the seven chief causes of death and rate per 1,000 population.

	Number of Deaths		Rate	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary.	.	.	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis, Non-pulmonary	.	.	0.00	0.00
Cancer	2	4	.86	1.665
Heart Disease	5	7	2.14	2.92
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	4	3.86	1.665
Respiratory, (not tuberculosis)	4	.	1.72	0.00
Other circulatory diseases	1	2	.43	.83
Totals	21	17	2.01	1.00

<u>Ages at Death from all Causes</u>		1956	1955
Under 1 year	...	2	1
1 - 24 years	...	2	2
25 - 54	"	2	3
55 - 74	"	10	6
over 75	"	10	9
Totals		26	21



INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There were 32 cases of notifiable diseases reported in 1956, the analysis of this figure is given below and compared with the notifications in 1955.

<u>Analysis and Comparisons</u>		<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
Scarlet Fever	...	.	2
Measles	...	.9	22
Whooping Cough	...	19	5
Sonne Dysentery	...	1	11
Erysipelas	...	1	.
German Measles	...	2	.
Totals		32	40

TUBERCULOSIS. Again there were no notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in the year, and again there were no deaths from this cause during the year.

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS. Successful vaccinations have been carried out during the year, these and the immunisations are comparable with those of the previous year.

Analysis.

	<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>	
	<u>0 - 5 years</u>	<u>Over 5</u>	<u>0 - 5 years</u>	<u>Over 5</u>
Successful Vaccinations	8	2	8	4
Completed course of Immunisation	23	2	29	22

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

- Section 22. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
- Section 23. Domiciliary Midwifery.
- Section 24. Health Visiting.
- Section 25. Home Nursing.

Three District Nurse/Midwives employed by the North Riding County Council carry out the duties required by the above sections of the Act. There is one Infant Welfare Centre in the District - at Manfield - which is also under the jurisdiction of the County Council; this is attended by a local practitioner and the District Nurse, full advantage being taken of the facilities offered.

The number of visits paid to patients by the District Nurse/Midwives during 1956 are as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Health Visiting</u>	<u>Home Nursing</u>	<u>Domiciliary Midwifery</u>
1955	692	2219	893
1956	661	1814	807

Number of attendances by children at the monthly sessions of the Manfield Welfare Centre ... 290

Section 27. Ambulance Service. This service is provided by the County Council from the Ambulance Station at Richmond which has a staff of one Driver/Foreman, one Shift Leader and 5 Driver/attendants, and, with the assistance of the Hospital Car Service covers the Richmond Borough, and Rural Districts of Richmond, Croft, Roeth and Startforth.

Section 28. Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care. The work of vaccination and immunisation, together with the advice spread by those working in the Public Health Service, Inspectors, Midwives, Maternity and Child Welfare Officer, Doctors and Nurses must all have a beneficial effect on the general health of the community.

Section 29. Domestic Help Service. This service is provided by arrangement with the North Riding County Council, and during 1956 one case received 54 hours service.

Section 51. Mental Health. No Committee in the District and no cases arose during 1956 as in the past two years.

Section 47. National Assistance Act 1948. No cases removed during the year.

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The public health work of the District has been carried out as usual and I now express my thanks to Mr. Collins, the Public Health Inspector and Mr. Warde, Assistant Public Health Inspector, for their kind co-operation at all times and for the remainder of this Report which they have compiled.

Social Conditions and Employment. The area is primarily an agricultural one with scattered sand and gravel quarries.

There is a disused War-Time R. A. F. Station with hutted sites adjacent thereto. The Aerodrome is now used by the R. A. F. in conjunction with their Station at Goosepool, Middleton St. George in the adjacent Rural District. Part of the airfield is still used by the Darlington and District Aero Club.

Some of the hutted sites are still occupied by squatters as temporary housing quarters, special reference to this is made later in the report.

The year was marked by the maintenance of a high level of employment; unemployment in the area being negligible. Opportunities of steady employment for skilled and unskilled workers were readily available in agriculture, building, civil engineering and other industries.

Existing Water Supply. The Tees Valley Water Board provides a piped water supply in the major part of the Rural District. The parishes served are Glasby, Cliffe, Nanfield, Stapleton and Croft. A bulk supply from this authority also serves, through a private main, part of the parish of Over Dinsdale. The Council take a bulk supply from the same Authority for part of the parish of Dalton and from Richmond Rural District Council for the Temporary Housing Sites (Ex R. A. F. Station) situated in part of the parishes of Dalton and Croft.

The parish of Barton is supplied by a private undertaking. This supply originates underground in the parish of Molsenby in the adjacent Rural District of Richmond and follows a line of an edit from disused mine workings being piped from a distance of approximately 50 yards to a sump near the entrance. It is piped from here to a reservoir situated in the parish of Barton. The reservoir is constructed of engineering bricks with dome concrete roof and holds approximately 25,000 gallons. From the reservoir situated in the hillside above the disused lime quarry at Barton the water is piped in a 3" C.I. main to the village and some of the distribution pipes are of galvanised iron water tube. The supply was originally in the hands of the Barton Limestone Company, but it is now the property of the quarry owner, Mrs. M. M. Eggleston. Complaint has been made in previous reports regarding the purity of this supply from bacteriological analyses. Some years ago your Medical Officer, with the Bacteriologist from an adjacent Public Laboratory and the Chief Sanitary Inspector carefully examined the headworks but could find little reason for the contamination that was indicated in the bacteriological samples taken about that time. It was decided to keep a reasonable check on the supply to see the condition did not deteriorate.



At the same time it was felt that it could be improved if chlorination was carried out. The owner was very reluctant to expend money for this purpose which he felt would only interfere with the palatability of the supply and it was hoped that the Council might at some future date be able to acquire it. Particulars of analyses are indicated at the end of this section.

General. The mains supplies from the statutory undertakings are, I understand, satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. In the parishes of Newton Morrell and Girsby as well as outlying parts of all parishes there is no mains supply. In those places the occupiers are served by springs and wells and bore holes.

Samples. Samples of water are taken by statutory undertakers and are as follows:-

Tees Valley Water Board - 263 satisfactory, 7 unsatisfactory.  
Richmond.

The following is a list of degrees of hardness for each supply.

	<u>Temporary Hardness</u>	<u>Permanent Hardness</u>
Barton Water Supply	23.5	9
Tees Valley Water Board	35 p.p.m.	15 p.p.m.
Richmond	17.8 degrees	5.2 degrees.

No water in the area is known to have plumbo-solvent action.

#### Water Samples.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>B. Coli</u>	<u>Faecal</u>	<u>Classification</u>
1.	14. 5. 56.	Castle Hill Farm, Girsby	1	0	II
2.	23. 5. 56	"	0	.	I
3.	25. 7. 56	Barton C. of E. School	3	3	III
4.	1 5 56	"	90	50	IV
5.	19. 9. 56	"	20	0	IV

The following are samples taken at C. of E. School at Barton which were received by the County Sanitary Inspector.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>B. Coli</u>	<u>Faecal</u>	<u>Classification</u>
17. 7. 56	Barton C. of E. School	130	130	IV
13. 9. 56	"	17	3	IV
13. 9. 56	"	20	8	

Proposed Schemes. During the year the Council considered the extension of water supply in the Croft Parish by the Tees Valley Water Board to afford supplies to two farms. In view, however, of the costs involved it was not proceeded with.

The Council made application towards the end of the year to the Richmond Rural District Council for supply of water to be made available for certain farms in the Hainaby area in the Croft parish. The Richmond R. D. C. informed the Council that it is not their intention to extend their main into our area. In view of the supply being required primarily for agricultural purposes the Water Supplies Officer of the Agricultural Committee have been advised to contact the farmers for the formulation of the private scheme to take water from the Richmond Main of the boundary of our district.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The villages of Barton and Stapleton have each combined Sewerage and Sewage Disposal systems. At Cleasby, Eryholme, Manfield and Dalton there are combined sewers which discharge without proper treatment to ditches. In the remaining parishes of Newton Morrell, Cliffe, Girsby, and Over Dinsdale, no public sewer is available, although there are only a few scattered dwelling houses in these parishes. In all the parishes many houses have their own cesspools, some with filters, about

which no complaints are received. The Council periodically flush and clean sewers and tanks at Barton and Stapleton and the combined sewers at Manfield, and Dalton.

The village of Croft is served by a new Sewerage and Sewage Works which was completed on the 15th October 1954. The total number of properties served by the sewer is 87 of which 74 are connected to the sewer.

The temporary housing sites at Croft and Dalton (disused R. A. F. Hutments) are properly drained. W. Cs. being provided in all hutments and two modern Sewage Disposal Works are maintained by an Attendant appointed by the Council (as Agent for the Ministry of Health).

The Council do not undertake the emptying of private cesspools in the area but on request arrangements are made for the hire of the Darlington Rural District Council's machine which carries out this work at an hourly cost of 21/-

#### Proposed Scheme.

Barton Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The Council received a letter from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government indicating their willingness to consider the above scheme estimated to cost £15,300. Particulars of the scheme were advertised and application for consent to raise a loan was made. Later in the year the Ministry's Inspector visited to investigate the scheme.

Manfield Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The Consultant's detailed report has still not been received in connection with the above. A preliminary report indicated the estimated cost would be in the region of £8,200 was accepted in 1948.

Cleasby, Stapleton and Dalton Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. Preliminary reports were received and accepted for these schemes in 1948 and the estimated costs were then £7,950, £7,800 and £3,300 respectively.

No further instructions have been given regarding the preparation of detailed reports and final plans etc.

Closet Accommodation. During the year 7 privies were converted into W. Cs. as compared with 9 in 1955. The Council do not pay a grant towards the cost of W.C. conversions.

In 1953 the Council considered a report from their Sanitary Inspector regarding a suggestion that grants be made towards closet conversions. The Council decided not to make contribution under Section 47 (4) of the Public Health Act 1936.

Scavenging. Public scavenging is carried out in the parishes of Croft, Barton, Newton Morrell, Cleasby, Cliffe, Manfield, Dalton, Eryholme and Stapleton while in the parish of Over Dinsdale it is carried out once a month.

The total cost during the year was £886.

The temporary housing sites in the parishes of Croft and Dalton are scavenged once a week by the same Contractor at an inclusive cost of 1/4½ per bin which are supplied.

There are no refuse tips belonging to the Council in the area, the Contractor has to find his own means of disposal and is tipping at Stapleton on a private tip.

Maintenance of Council Sewage Works. The Council employs one man to deal with the temporary housing sites at Croft and Dalton. This person makes daily visits to the new Pumping Station at Croft and does other maintenance works as required in the various parishes.

The emptying of the Council's cesspools attached to other Sewage Works in the area are carried out regularly by the hiring of a cesspool emptier from the Darlington Rural District Council. This is available as required.

Rivers and Streams, River Pollution Prevention. During the year the Wear and Tees River Board who are responsible for the prevention of pollution of the rivers and streams in the area have continued to work in close co-operation with the Department. Copies of analyses of effluents from the Council's works where they are likely to affect the rivers and streams are sent to us periodically. The Pollution Officer of the Wear and Tees River Board is kept advised as to the



The proportion of dwelling houses and the proportion of the population supplied from the public mains is as follows:

Parish	No. of occupied houses	Approx. Population	Water Authority Supplying	Direct to the House	Motor	By means of stand pipe	Total Houses supplied	% of houses supplied	Population supplied direct.	Population supplied by stand pipe.
Barton	165	607	Exors of W.B. Egglestone. Barton Limestone	148	1	5	154	93.3	548	18
Newton Norrell	13	48	No public supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleasby	41	151	T.V.W.B.	22	13	-	35	85.3	129	-
Cliffe	15	55	T.V.W.B.	5	1	-	6	40.0	22	-
Wanfield	65	239	T.V.W.B.	37	14	-	51	78.45	188	-
Groft Temporary Others	8 133	29 490	Bulk from Richmond R.D.C. Groft R.D.C.	5 93	- 15	- -	8 103	100 81.2	29 397	- -
Dalton Temporary Others	22 48	81 177	Bulk from Richmond RDC Groft R.D.C.	22 27	- 12	- -	22 39	100 81.3	81 144	- -
Eryholmo	38	140	No public supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Girsby	9	33	No public supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over Dinsdale	20	74	Private supply from T.V.W.B.	13	5	-	18	90.0	66	-
Stapleton	56	206	T.V.W.B.	43	6	-	49	87.5	180	-
	633	2,330		418	67	5	490	77.25	1,786	18

Summary of Closets in the Area.

	Hours		Earth Closets et.		W.Cs.		W. C. % Total
	Occurred	Total	Total	Village	Total	Village	
						Outlying	
Barton	145	170	75	56	95	92	56%
Newton Merrell	13	13	10	-	3	-	
Glensby	41	43	30	22	13	10	30%
Cliffe	15	15	5	-	10	-	67%
Manfield	65	66	37	26	29	19	44%
Dalton	22	35	-	-	35	-	100%
Temporary Others	43	51	30	18	21	11	59%
Croft	3	11	-	-	11	-	100%
Temporary Others	133	141	56	14	85	73	59%
Eryholme	33	38	29	10	9	-	24%
Girsby	9	11	5	-	6	-	55%
Over Dinsdale	20	21	16	-	5	-	24%
Stapleton	53	57	13	11	44	37	77%
	333	572	306	157	366	242	55%

position regarding our new schemes for sewage and sewerage disposal and of any improvements carried out to our existing works.

At Barton the beck overflowed and caused flooding to some five houses. The Council met the riparian owners and other interested parties and it was decided to seek the advice of the Wear and Tees River Board on preventative measures.

### Sanitary Inspection.

#### Summary of Inspections, investigations and visits made during the year 1956.

Complaints investigated	...	1
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#### Public Health Acts:-

Nuisances	...	7
Houses	...	.
Animals improperly kept	...	.
Dirty and verminous premises	...	.
Drainage defects	...	1
Cesspools	...	.
Scavenging	...	.
Water Supplies (including samples)		6
Re-inspections	...	.
		<u>15</u>

#### Housing Acts:-

Houses	...	46
Improvement Grants	...	23
Applications for re-housing	...	5
Council house repairs and maintenance		190
Re-inspections	...	3
		<u>267</u>

#### Factories Acts:-

Factories with power	...	.
Factories without power	...	.
Building operations and works of Engineering Construction		.

#### Food and Drugs Acts.

Public Houses	...	23
Ice Cream Vendors	...	.
Milk Distributors	...	.
Food Premises	...	.
Dutchers Shops	....	.
Food Shops	...	4
Canteens	...	1
		<u>28</u>

#### Infectious Diseases etc.

Infectious Diseases	...	.
Dysentery investigations	...	11
Pathological specimens collected		13
		<u>24</u>

#### Rodent Control.

<u>Buildings Byelaws.</u>	Foundations	....	2
	Buildings in course of erection		8
	Drains inspected and tested		8
	Completed properties		.
			<u>18</u>



Miscellaneous.

Pumping Station	...	10
Sundry Visits	...	7
Interviews	...	6
Sewage Works	...	27
Sewerage	...	5
Ineffective Visits	...	4
		<u>59</u>

Disinfestation. No verminous pre mises were found during routine inspections nor were any notified.

Schools. No complaints were received in connection with schools although the Managers of the Manfield C. of E. School have been advised of the need for the conversion to water carriage of the existing pail closets. I understand that they are awaiting the provision of proper sewerage and sewage disposal by the Council to avoid the expenditure on septic tank arrangements.

Housing. The total number of inhabited houses was 633, this includes temporary houses.

New houses completed during year	With State assistance	Unaided	Total	Total 1955
(a) By Local Authority	.	.	.	.
(b) By any other Housing Authority	.	.	.	.
(c) By private persons	.	8	8	1

Following the special report made in 1955, official representations were submitted to the Council in connection with 14 houses at Barton and 1 at Stapleton. After careful consideration the Council accepted undertakings to repair and make fit 4 houses at Barton and 1 at Stapleton and demolition orders were made on the other 10 houses at Barton.

SUMMARY OF HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

<u>HOUSES DEMOLISHED</u>	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas.</u> (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954)			
1. Houses unfit for human habitation	.	.	.
2. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	.	.	.
3. Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act 1936	.	.	.
<u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u>			
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11, Housing Act 1936	.	10	2
<u>UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.</u>	<u>Number</u>		
5. Under Section 11, Housing Act 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov)	2	8	2
6. Under Section 3 (1) and 3 (2) Housing Act 1949.	.	.	.
7. Parts of buildings closed under Section 12, Housing Act 1936	.	.	.

<u>UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED</u>	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Auth.</u>
8. After informal action by Local Authority	5	.
9. After formal notice under	.	.
(a) Public Health Acts	.	.
(b) Housing Act 1936	.	.
10. Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954.	.	.

<u>UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT 1954)</u>	<u>Number of Houses</u>	<u>Number of Separate Dwellings</u>
11. Retained for temporary accommodation.		
(a) Under Section 2.	.	.
(b) Under Section 3.	.	.
(c) Under Section 4.	.	.
12. Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6.	.	.

<u>PURCHASES OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.</u>	<u>Number of Houses</u>	<u>Number of Occupants or Houses.</u>
13. Houses in Clearance Area other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders, or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased.	.	.

<u>Improvement Grants - Housing Act 1949.</u>	<u>No. of separate houses</u>
(a) Applications approved by Local Authority during year.	9
(b) Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme	12
(c) Amount paid in grants by the Council during year.	£1961. 19. 0.
(d) Total amount paid in grants by the Council since inception of scheme.	£1961. 19. 0.

Works of re-conditioning and repair.  
No. of houses made fit during the year under Housing Acts or Public Health Act.

(a) As a result of informal action	Nil
(b) By owners as a result of statutory undertakings.	Nil

#### Council Houses.

The Council had 63 Council Houses up to the 31st December 1956, During the year no houses were erected.

#### Applications for Council Houses.

The total number of applications for Council houses from families residing in the Rural Area is 15 of which 10 were without homes of their own as against a total of 58 families in 1955. The number of applications residing outside of the Council's area was 7 as compared with 51 in 1955.

Temporary Houses. The Council, as agents for the Ministry of Health, have under their control four dis-used R. A. F. hutted sites. The hutments as mentioned in previous reports were adapted for temporary housing purposes on the sites, each family having a self-contained unit of housing, comprising from one to three bedrooms and living room complete with cooking stove and piped water supply over a sink. There is also a laundry house and sanitary accommodation. The sites contain  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " brick built hutments with asbestos roof, and felted plasterboard huts with corrugated galvanised iron roofs, all of which are properly drained and sewered.



The following are the figures for the number of families housed on the various sites at the 31st December 1956:-

1. Woodside	8
2. Wellington	5
3. Lancaster	6
4. Halifax	11

The total being 30 compared with 42 in 1955.

One labourer is employed full time on the site dealing with maintenance repairs and various complaints. He also deals with the sewers and the two sewage disposal works. Similarly he looks after a mains water supply. This is a bulk supply provided by Richmond R. D. C. to a high level tank with distribution mains round the various sites. A further 5 sub-standard huts were sold during the year.

Moveable Dwellings. At the 31st December 1956 there was one moveable dwelling situated in the area. Its application was received and granted for renewal of licence and to use the land and station a caravan.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

There is only one slaughterhouse in the area, where, previous to the war slaughtering had been carried out. The owner has not applied for a licence and during the year apart from "cottagers pigs" no animals were slaughtered in the area.

Four renewal licences to slaughter animals were granted during the year.

#### Food Premises.

Twenty eight visits were made to food premises during the year. The majority of these visits were made to licenced premises by arrangement with the Licensing Justices. Every licensed premises in the area was inspected by them as a result they have made known their requirements and ours to the owners. Most of the work necessary to comply with the Justices' orders has been carried out and the rest is in hand.

#### Other Food Premises.

There are only 9 shops in the area from which food is sold including one fish-shop.

The requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations has been made known to the owners and occupiers although the standard of cleanliness was extremely high. In all cases the shops are very small family concerns, none employing any outside assistance and some of the owner/occupiers will have to be put to some considerable expense in order to comply with all the provisions of the regulations. However, it is hoped that by the end of the year most of our requirements will be met.

#### Condemnation of Food.

No foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption during the year.

#### Milk.

There are 20 producers of tuberculin tested milk in the area of whom 3 are also retailers.

There are 10 producer retailers of non designated milk and one distributor of milk from outside the area who holds supplementary licences for tuberculin tested and pasteurised milk.

#### Registration of Food Premises, Food and Drugs Act 1955. Section 16.

There were no new applications for registration of premises under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

#### Ice Cream.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area and no applications were received for registration of premises for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream.

The total number of registered premises is now two.



Miscellaneous.

Factories Acts - 1937 and 1949.

PART II OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.)

	Number on Register (3)	Inspec- tions (4)	Number of Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	2	.	.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4	.	.	.
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority 2 (excluding out-worker's premises)	2	2	.	.
Totals	13	4	4	.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act and Regulations 1951.

There are no manufacturers or registered premises in the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

During the year the first maintenance treatment on the sewers at Croft and Barton was completed and the second treatment was carried out on the Barton sewers.

There were no complaints from private residences but one minor infestation of rats was discovered on a private tip and was treated.

Petroleum Regulations Act 1928 - 36.

Fourteen renewal licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during 1951.

Byelaws in force in the District.

New Streets	...	1st January 1940
Food Handling	...	6th May 1950.
New Building Byelaws	...	8th September 1953.

